

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Attorney Docket No. 2006_0395A
Erik BIJPOST et al. : **Confirmation No. 2571**
Serial No. 10/574,784 : Group Art Unit 1612
Filed June 30, 2006 : Examiner Nannette Holloman
A METHOD OF IMPROVING THE : **Mail Stop: AF**
PROPERTIES OF UREA GRANULES

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.16
Expedited Procedure Examining Group 1600

Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action of January 20, 2011, the time for responding thereto being extended for one month in accordance with the fee submitted herewith, Applicants submit the following remarks in support of the patentability of the presently claimed invention over the disclosure of the references relied upon by the Examiner in rejecting the claims. Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of these remarks.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1-8 and 10-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by Nabiev et al. (SU 80661, English translation). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner asserts that “It appears that Nabiev et al. teaches substantially the same composition, formed in substantially the same manner for substantially the same purpose” (see Office Action, page 3, lines 10-11). Applicants respectfully disagree.

The Problem Solved by the Claimed Method

The first paragraph on page 1 of the present specification discloses the following regarding the problem to be solved by the claimed method: